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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jill Denesvich on November 15, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 15, line 1, "claim 10" has been changed to --claim 9--.

This application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 17 to 32 directed to an invention non-elected without traverse. Accordingly, claims 17 to 32 have been cancelled.

The substitute specification of November 8, 2006 has been approved for entry.

In the drawings, the replacement sheet containing figures 4, 5, 6A and 6B has been approved for entry. The replacement sheet containing figure 1 has not been approved because it is identical to original figure 1 which was objected to because of reference characters which are not uniformly drawn.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Koczo, Jr. whose telephone number is 571-272-4830. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th; 7:00-3:30.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ehud Gartenberg can be reached at 571-272-4828. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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